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REMARKS

As required by the Notice, the status identifiers of the claims have been reviewed and corrected as needed. In claim 11, a line-through strikeout ("---") now replaces the double brackets for deleting two lines of text. In claim 21, a duplicate Markush element was noticed and is now deleted by double brackets, and several semicolons are now better aligned.

At Box 5C of the Notice, the Examiner also stated that, "the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4." The Examiner has confirmed during a telephone discussion with the undersigned attorney (12/8/2006) that this box merely directed the reader's attention to the continuation sheet, and that the signature is conforming.

If the Examiner has any questions on any of these points, she is urged to contact the undersigned.

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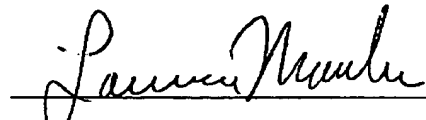
This response is being filed within the shortened period for response. Thus, no further fees are believed to be required. If, on the other hand, it is determined that any further fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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